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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because a small entity status has been established, and the subject of the patent application is related to biotechnology and is a major asset of the small entity. The development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed.

The accompanying ☐ affidavit ☒ declaration by the ☐ applicant

applicant's practitioner

explains establishment of small entity and the development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$130 or any fee which may be required in connection with this Petition to deposit account No. 50-3207.

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REGARDING PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR APPLICATIONS RELATING TO BIOTECHNOLOGY
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Sir:

- 1. I, Louis C. Cullman, am an intellectual property attorney with the firm of Preston Gates & Ellis LLP. I have been Medlogics Device Corporation's attorney since January 1, 2003.
- 2. The Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted based on the significant improvement in patient therapy that will result from the biologically active agent-eluting medical devices disclosed in this invention's compositions and associated methods. Examples of biologically active agents include cytostatic compounds, cytotoxic compounds and nucleic acids.
- 3. The present application specifically pertains to the site-specific delivery of biologically active agents from medical devices including the delivery of biologically active agents to blood vessel walls from medical devices, particularly cardiac stents. Biologically active agent-eluting cardiac stents are expected to significantly improve the

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standard of care and treatment of coronary artery disease and aneurysms. biologically active agent technology being developed by Medlogics Device Corporation to deliver these biologically active agents are applicable to a wide range of medical

devices.

4. The inventors of the present methods and compositions for creating novel

biologically active agent-eluting medical devices have made significant advances in the

development of this technology. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the ability to

release biologically active agents locally from medical devices is a significant

improvement in the art and will provide improved therapeutics for treatment of human

disease.

5. The invention disclosed in the present patent application is a major asset

of Medlogics Device Corporation.

6. As a small entity biotechnology company, Medlogics Device Corporation

receives its research funding from private individuals and venture capital funds. The

firm's intellectual property is the key asset on which this funding depends and therefore

the firm's continued research funding for this important invention is dependent on the

timely issuance of a United States Patent on the invention.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that

all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that

these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the

like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of

Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize

the validity of the above-identified patent.

Dated: 3 / 24 / 68

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